

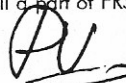
# FRS NEWSLETTER

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## Dear FRS-Holland Friends!

Welcome in this Summer 2002 edition. We serve you with another summary of the most important SW Free Radio News, News from around the World etc. from the past months.

June will always be a month to remember: it was two years ago, June 27th 2000, that my friend and colleague Joop ter Zee suddenly passed away. Joop, we will never forget you, you are still a part of FRS-Holland and that will never change!

 73's, Peter V.

## FRS Broadcasting Activities

During the last 4 months of 2001 FRS-Holland was very active. But apart from a few low power tests, no serious activities have taken place so far in 2002. We were considering to go on air in the May/ June period but propagation has been very poor and to be honest: it would have been a waste of time to put out a lengthy broadcast knowing that reception conditions would have been far from good. So, we decided to save our energy using it after the Summer period. Expect serious FRS activities starting in the August/ September period. We are aiming at 3 or 4 broadcasts in the months to come, between August and December 2002. We are also eager on testing on 41 and 31 metres at different times/ days. This could even take place on weekdays in the evening hours!! In most cases we will let you know via E-mail. Although FRS-Holland is not a very regular station, we guarantee FRS still is alive 'n' kickin'.....when we are planning something there's only one way for us: trying to bring you the very best in radio. Our philosophy remains "A Balance between Music and Information joined to one format, the FRS concept tastes different, just a bit different."

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## SW FREE RADIO SCENE

### General

Hello and welcome in this Summer 2002 edition of the FRS Newsletter. In this edition we cover the period mid March- end of June 2002. This includes Sun June 30th.

### Propagation

Since March conditions have become pretty poor. In particular May and June are months with a bad reputation when it comes to day time reception of SW Free Radio stations. Often long skip and (too) much noise rule the bands, even Dutch power houses can sometimes not be heard in decent quality. Things are rather different during the evening and night hours when skip is much shorter, more quiet bands resulting in crisp clear signals. Just take British Radio Nova as an example: their 41 and 31 mb trm in June were heard with excellent signals throughout wide areas in Europe during the night hours. Less fun during day time, much more fun in the evening hours. Towards August/September things will slowly reverse when day time propagation improves and night time reception will become worse.

Alfred, the OP of **RADIO ALFA LIMA** (3) was interviewed by Dutch broadcasting society VPRO Radio Tuesday April 2nd. This interview was aired on Dutch national newsstation Radio 1. If you haven't heard it, you should check the Alfa Lima website. RAL is doing its usual weekly business on 48 metres with excellent strength and modulation. In addition several tests took place on 21900 kHz. June 29th saw RAL for a changer on 6265 and 6275. Usually the station is always above 6280 kHz. E-mail: < alinter@rendo.dekooi.nl >. Websites: < www.alfalima.net >.

**ANTONIA RADIO** is a newcomer on SW. Sat May 11th the station's debut trm on SW was noted on 6256. The station also used the name Testender that day on 6255 and 6258. Sat May 18th the station was picked up on 6257 kHz. Antonio Radio was already known for its medium wave activities. Power is 25W connected to an Inverted V. E-mail add is < antonioradio@hotmail.com >. Snailmail: Fuik 12, 8081 KD Elburg in the Netherlands.

A station calling itself **RADIO APOLLO** was heard on June 26th and 28th on 6399 kHz. Signals were fair. No further info as yet.

**RADIO ARGUS** was heard in fair quality on 6210 Sun April 14th, Sun June 9th and Sun June 30th. On the 30th 6280 was also in use (not in //). Sat June 29th Argus was heard on 6295, this time signal-strength was rather weak. Since January Argus is using the UK Radio address which is P.O.Box 53, Bilstone WV14 6YS, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, UK. See also UK Radio.

**RADIO BANDONICA** (3) was heard on 11470 kHz/ 26 mb Sun June 16th as early as 07.00 UTC. Email address which is < bandonica@hotmail.com >. Webpage: < www.listen.to/bandonica >.

Following freq problems, **RADIO BENELUX** (5) and CWR decided to leave 41 metres in favour of 51 metres 5.8 MHz. That was late January. But after a few weeks both stations returned on 41 metres. Following tests on a few freqs, it was decided to make use of 7450, a freq regularly used by Radio Nova. In addition FRSH and EMR

made use of 7450 a number of times. The new freq was chosen after talking to RNI's Terry Philips (a good initiative). It was agreed that when Nova would be on, BNL and CWR would not make use of 7450. Sun March 30th saw BNL's debut on 7450. Signal strength was good. Sat April 27th saw BNL on 3900. Sun May 12th the bad thing happened: Benelux was raided while transmitting on 7450. At a few minutes before 09.00 local time (CEST), the station signed off unvoluntarily. Hopefully Jens Martin will overcome this setback and will be able to restart SW trms sometime in future!! Good luck Jens.

The **RADIO CAROLINE** trms on 6289 are being radiated by a hobby pirate who is using a 7W tx connected to a quarter wave dipole. The relays enable SW listeners who don't have satellite receiving equipment, to listen to Carolines satellite output. However, signal quality on 6289 is rather poor. Strange is that there are also Caroline relays on 6263 (often //6289) but these are coming from a different unknown relaying station. E-mail address for the 6289 station: < freeradio@my.mopilot.com >.

Early April **RADIO DE CASANOVAS** decided to call it a day, at least: for the time being. Technical problems with the power facility caused the temporary close down. The station started looking for a new site. May 19th de Casanovas returned on SW on 6240 & 6275 with excellent signal quality. The same freqs were occupied Sun June 1st (not at the same moment!). Sun June 9th 6275 was in use. Whether these trms came from a new site is unknown but most likely the answer is yes. Add is P.O.Box 46, 7160 AA Neele, The Netherlands. E-mail is < mario@hetnet.nl >.

Sun May 12th saw Dutch **RADIO CENTRAAL** on 6288. This new station aired a musical show. Sat May 25th Centraal was heard on 6291 kHz, Sun May 26th on 6280 and 6300. Address is POBox 73, 7160 AB Neele, the Netherlands.

**RADIO CITY** (10) "The station of the car" was noted on 7472 kHz April 1st. A US station called KFWB was being relayed. Signal quality was certainly not impressive but fact is that conditions that day were rather poor. E-mail add could be < stationofthecars@yahoo.ca >. Radio City is a very irregular stations mainly popping up on 41 mb freqs.

**CLCG RADIO** from Germany popped up on 7470 Sunday April 14th. CLCG is an irregular hobby pirate already active since the 1980s. Signal quality was fine. CLCG is making use of relay facilities. Add is most probably P.O.Box 540101 in D-47151 Duisburg, Germany.

**CRAZY WAVE RADIO** (5) from Germany has been using 7450 kHz for some time in April. 7450 was shared with colleague BNL, each station was using 7450 almost every other week. May 12th, the day that colleague BNL was raided, saw CWR on 7460. The station hasn't an E-mail address anymore. Also the website has closed down.

German **CRYSTAL RADIO** (5) tested with very low power on Sun April 28th. With only 2W of power fed into a 5 metre high dipole, the station was identified on 6400 in the early evening hours. And that proves that SW enables station OPs to use low power covering relatively wide areas! E-mail is: < crystalradio@hotmail.com >. You can visit the website for the latest news: < listen.to/crystalradio >.

**RADIO DEVALON** (5) was heard via an unknown relay Sun April 14th. Frequency was 7470 kHz. Signal quality was excellent. RECH's website: < listen.to/eastcoastholland >. E-mail < eastcoastholland@hotmail.com >.

Following the welcome come-back of **EUROPEAN MUSIC RADIO** on the European SW airwaves on Sun Febr. 17th (when E.M.R. was celebrating its 25th birthday), it was decided to repeat part of the transmission over the Easter weekend. Trms already started in the late afternoon of Good Friday March 29th. EMR was radiated on 9290/ 31 metres, not on 48 or 41 metres. In February 9290 was also used but then the mod was too low. This time the modulation was much louder! Overall reception was good, sometimes even excellent! Even on a radio with an inferior telescopic antenna, pxs could be monitored without problem till the late evening hours. EMR should be back in the autumn/ winter period with fresh programming. E-mail add remains < londonarchive@aol.com > (not londonarchives!). Add is P.O.Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten in the Netherlands. Sun April 28th EMR was noted one 6398 but we doubt this one was planned by the EMR staff. Perhaps a station playing an EMR tape?

The **FARMERS FROM HOLLAND** continue with irregular Sun afternoon/ evening trms in the upper part of the 48 mb. Judging the signal quality, they still use powerful equipment. So far the Farmers were raided 6 times: We are raided now 61 times (19th Jan. 1997, 16th March 1997, 5th July 1998, 6th September 1998, 11th July 1999 and at 26th September 1999. Website: < www.FarmersFromHolland.tk >. E-mail: < Studio@FarmersFromHolland.tk > or < farmers@gmx.net >. The address is P.O.Box 108 in 7720 AC Dalfsen in the Netherlands.

**RADIO FREE LIMBURG** was heard with fine signals using 6205 March 30th & Fri May 3rd. E-mail address is < pa92@hetnet.nl >.

British **RADIO GERONIMO** (10) was heard on 9315 Sun April 14th. Signal quality was fair. It looks like the station can be once again reached via E-mail: < radiogeronimo@hotmail.com >.

**GOOD MUSIC RADIO** was heard with strong signals on 6198 Easter Mon April 1st. A lengthy show was aired with lots of 70s oldies. Apart from a hotline (0044-7950862897), the station announced a mailing address which is: GMR, P.O.Box 3836, CO4 3QW Colchester, Essex, UK.

**RADIO GREEN WAVE** is one of the many new stations taking to the air Sat June 15th. That day and also the next one, Green Wave was heard on 6281. It is a mobile operation using the P.O.Box 73, 7160 AB Neele address.

**RADIO GRENSLANDER** was heard a number of times on various freqs within the 41 mb. For example Sun May 5th the station was noted with fair signals on 7495 kHz. Tests were heard on 7455, 7435 and 7495 Thurs May 9th (Ascension Day). Another test on 6965 and 6985 didn't work out because of the appalling conditions Sat June 15th. That same day Grenslander was also heard on 7485.

**RADIO HAMAMELIS** can be contacted via the following E-mail address:



< radiosunflower@hotmail.com >. Also Radio Brigitte. Atlantis and Esperando make use of this E-mail facility. BTW, we thought Radio Hamamelis and Brigitte were one and the same station...??? Hamamelis was heard on 6374 kHz Sun May 5th. That's exactly the freq many times used by Brigitte. So, conclusion.... Thurs May 9th/ Sat May 11th/ May 12th/ May 26th the station was active on 6307. Fri June 7th 6307 was used under the name Brigitte. Sun June 16th and Sat June 22nd 6307 was again occupied under the good old name Radio Brigitte. Also on Sun June 30th Brigitte was on, this time on 6375.

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC RADIO will be restarting trms via Radio 510/ IRRS July 15th. See also the news about Radio 510/ IRRS elsewhere in this edition.

RADIO JOKER is the name of a station which was first heard in the evening hours of Sat June 22nd. A strong signal was noted on 6280 (LSB). Non-stop classic rock music was aired interspersed with a Radio Joker ID. Was this a new station or an already active OP under a different name? No address was read out!

RADIO KORAK INT. was heard on 3927 Sat April 13th, May 4th & 18th, June 15th & 29th 2002. Signal quality was very good. The Int. pxs continue on Saturday evenings and night and the address is POBox 134 in 3780 BC Voorthuizen in the Netherlands. RKI is one of the few Dutch survivors on the 76 mb.

LASER HOT HITS can be heard on various freqs including 9385 kHz on 31 metres. That means that the station has left 9390 kHz. 7465 and 6219 are also in use. pob 293, Merlin, OntarioN0P 1WO in Canada.

LEVEL 48 (5) tested on 3906 Sat April 27th. A telephone number was announced. Although the signal was strong, the station suffered QRM from Radio Scandinavia 75 on 3910. But not for long: Scandinavia moved to 3930. BTW, BNL's Jens Martin was responsible for the Level test. That same evening he was also on 3900 using his own station's name Radio Benelux.

RADIO LIKEDDELER was heard on 7423 kHz Sun April 21st. Wed May 1st the station was heard on 48 metres 6305 giving out a phone number. Signal strength was fair. Wed May 8th saw Likedeeler on 6284 with a strong signal. Sun May 26th Likedeeler popped up on 7444, again with a solid signal. Sun June 9th saw Likedeeler on 6201. Sat June 15th the station was active on 3905. Sun June 23rd 6305 and 7444 was in use. That day Likedeeler was heard in the morning and the evening hours as well. Sun June 30th 6205 and 7489 were in use. All in all a lot of SW activity! Address is P.O.Box 73, 7160 AB Nede, the Netherlands.

Back after more than a decade: Finnish RADIO MATILDA (10) was heard Sat March 16th (evenings) on 7450 (LSB) and Sun March 17th on 7300 and 6965 kHz. Signals were just audible in Western Europe.

RADIO MAZDA is a relatively new Dutch station which can be contacted via the Munzstraat 8 in 8141 VP Heino, the Netherlands. The station was often heard within the 48 mb.

RADIO MI AMIGO from the UK returned after a long absence on 6275 on Sun June 16th. The station announced a tel. hotline for listeners: 0044-7879263178. Add is P.O.Box 53, Bilstone WY14 6YS, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, UK.

Sat/Sun March 16th/17th the Scandinavian station RADIO MATILDA returned to the airwaves after 10 years of silence! The return was heard on various freqs: 7450 kHz (Saturday) and 7300 and 6965 kHz the following day. The Ytterby (10) maildrop was announced.

RADIO NARANJA seems to be a new Spanish pirate station. The station planned to start broadcasting May 26th but as far as we know nothing was heard on 25625 kHz. The station intends to transmit every Sunday between 08.00 and 08.30 UTC. Format consists of news, music and brief items "dedicated to the DX world". Reception reports, which will be verified with QSL cards, can be E-mailed to < radionaranja@hotmail.com >.

RADIO NIGHTINGALE is a new Dutch (?) station testing on 7530 kHz Sun April 14th. The station was heard with IDs in German, English and Dutch. Address unknown.

RADIO NIGHTRIDER is a new Dutch powerhouse which took to the air Thursday April 4th. The station was noted with a nice signal on 6275. E-mail add is < radionightrider@hotmail.com >.

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3 = POBox 663, 7900 AR Hoogeveen, The Netherlands

4 = POBox 130, 92504 Rueil-Cedex, France.

5 = POBox 1136, D-06201 Merseburg, Germany (new!)

10=SRS, Ostra Porten 29, 442 54 Ytterby in Sweden

RADIO NORDSEE WS was heard on 6210 Wed May 8th. Sat May 11th Nordsee WS was heard on 6206 in the evening hours. Signal quality was poor as a result of the unstable conditions. Thurs May 16th saw a test on 6210. Sun evening June 23rd RNI was back on 6210 with a fair signal. Address: P.O.Box 2209, D-77612 Offenburg in Germany.

RADIO NOVA INT. (UK) was heard during several occasions. Sun April 7th Nova was on their fixed 7450 freq within the 41 mb. Signal quality was fine. Due to technical reasons there was no May activity on 41/31 metres. June 2nd Nova returned with a solid signal on 7450 kHz, a week later the 2nd Sun repeat was aired on 9290 kHz. A nice and fairly strong signal was produced. Pxs included the English Nova crew incl. station OP Terry Philips plus Frank Carson and Peter V. Steven Reath was missing. Nova broadcasts are each 1st Sun of the month on 7450 followed by a repeat on 9290 kHz a week later. RNI, c/o P.O.Box 130 in 92504 Rueil Cedex France. RNI requests a SAE from the UK or 2 x IRCs or 2 x US\$ from overseas.

Following various tests on 21890 earlier this year, RADIO OMROEP ZUID returned on 48 metres 6260 Sat March 30th. Signals that day (early in the morning and late afternoon) were solid. The station is one of the very few Dutch stations using a tx site in the southern part of the Netherlands. Email: < roz.am@iae.nl >. No snailmail address is available.

OZONE RADIO is regularly noted on 51/41/48 mb freqs including 7434, 6204 & 5794. Add is 85 Hillside Rd West, Suffolk, NR35 RH in the UK. E-mail: <bbms4ozone@compuserve.com >.

RADIO PACMAN can be heard on several freqs, mostly outside the usual 48 mb. May/June the station was very active on various freqs. Fri June 7th RPI was on 6400 qso-ing with clueless stations. Since a while the station has its own website: surf to < www.cyberknol.tmfweb.nl/pacman >.

RADIO PALERMO is a new Dutch station broadcasting from the north-east of the country. E-Mail: < sjappie@wanadoo.nl >.

RADIO PANDORA (10) was heard on 7400 Sun May 26th. At the same moment the station was also active on 31 metres 9315 kHz. On both freqs signal quality was fair/good. The station aims to be on air every 2nd/4th Sun of the month. E-mail: < pandoradio@hotmail.com >.

RADIO PERFEKT made its debut on 41 metres Easter Sun. The station was noted on 7470 providing a nice signal although power was only some 40W. Add is P.O.Box 1732, D-48578 Gronau, Germany. New E-mail add is <Radio-Perfekt@t-online.de >.

DE PIEPZENDER was heard Sat April 13th on 3910. A clear signal and good audio was heard. Also this station is now making use of an E-mail address which is < piepzender@planet.nl >. Website: < www.piepzender.tk >. Add is POBox 1104, 8001BC Zwolle in the Netherlands.

Take care...you enter the POWER ZONE....

POWER AM (5), a relatively new station, was noted on 7540 kHz 41 metres Easter Sunday. Signal quality was excellent. The station uses the following new E-Mail address: < poweram@mailus.nl >. Power AM is active since late February using a Rohde & Schwarz SK50 capable of putting out 500W connected with an Inverted V. In future the station will also be using a beam antenna.

Easter Mon April 1st POWER 41 was noted with 100W on 7450 kHz. Signal quality was fair. E-mail add is < power41dx@aol.com >. The station also announced pson 7525 kHz (overnight pxs). Could that perhaps be the Unid on 7526?? (see Unid). Or was it Scottish WMR? Sun April 21st Power 41 was on 7451 and clashed with BNL at that moment being active on 7449. May 26th Power 41 was on 7490 with a strong signal.

POWER 48 uses from now on (10). E-mail is as follows: < pwr48@hotmail.com >.

Q 103 (10) announced to be celebrating "midsummer" in Europe on various shortwave frequencies. Here is the transmission schedule: -all times given in UTC- all frequencies used in USB!

Saturday, June 22nd 2002:

06.00 - 07.55 9292 khz

08.15 - 10.15 9292 khz

15.30 - 17.30 9292 khz [incl. a Radio Cochiguaz px at 16.55 - 17.25]

18.00 - 19.00 5720 khz [test-transmission for 1st time of use]

Sunday, June 23rd 2002

05.00 - 07.00 11440 khz

07.15 - 09.15 11440 khz [1st ever broadcasted German programme!]

09.30 - 11.30 11440 khz [incl. a Radio Cochiguaz px at 10.55 - 11.25]

Website: < www.geocities.com/radioq103/ >.

E-mail: < jazzlighthouse@gmx.li >.

Many listeners requested a German programme...the Q 103 succeeded in finding a person willing to produce German shows for future on air activities.

Results: Sat June 22nd saw Q103 on 5720 (18.15 UTC) with a poor signal in Western Europe. That same day a slightly stronger signal was heard on 9292 kHz (09.30 UTC). Sun June 23rd 11440 was in use at 06.15 UTC, signal was poor.

RADIO RASANT is a new independent & legal German initiative founded by a number of students being part of the so-called realschule in Sundern, Germany. Sat April 13th saw the first pxs on 7120 via IRRS. The station concentrates on issues like hatred of foreigners. Apart from the speech, there's rock music. Address is Radio Rasant, Realschule Sundern, Roibuschweg 28, D-59846 Sundern, Germany. Late April and early May a number of repetas took place. Website: < www.radiorasant.org >. E-mail: < info@radiorasant.com >.

A new RELAY FACILITY on SW can be contacted via the following E-mail:

< freecom100@aol.com >.

RADIO SALLANDE BOER has an E-mail address: < rpruim@wish.nl >. Snailmail add is P.O.Box 139, NL-7890 AC Klazienaveen in the Netherlands. The station was noted during several occasions. For instance with nice and strong signals on Sun April 28th on 6315 and 6319 kHz and on 6313 and 6314 May 5th. May 25th the station was heard on 6314 and 6398.

SCANDINAVIA 75 was heard on Sat April 27th on 3910 & 3930 kHz. The change to 3930 was made to allow Level 48 to test on 3906. Signal strength was fine. That same evening 6306 was also in use with a powerful signal. Trms on 48 metres were live and it was said the station was using 1 kW of power! The following E-Mail add was given out: < antenne@europa.com >. Website: < www.scandinavia75.tk >.

The SHORT WAVE SURFER was heard on 6280 and 6304 Good Friday March 29th. For the first time an E-mail address was announced: < swsradio@cs.com >. SWS uses a Kenwood TS-570 transceiver connected to a home-built antenna (2 x 11 m). Power seems to be 25W fed into an Inverted V. No address available yet.

Scandinavian station STARSHINE RADIO (10) celebrated its 10th anniversary via the facilities of RAL Station OP Kim Hawk is nowadays rarely to be heard on the SW airwaves. E-mail: < starshine@emailaccount.com >

Following raids in December and February, SWINGING RADIO ENGLAND returned on 6276 over the Easter weekend. SRE with a few former RFL jocks, seemed to be convinced that Radio Free London staff were responsible for the raids so far. After the Febr. raid, SRE became silent until Monday Thursday March 28th. That weekend a good signal was noted on SRE's fixed 6276 channel. The only problem was the sometimes strong fading. SRE continued with weekly weekend trms on 6276. But not for long... Sun April 21st at 16.45 BST SRE was again raided by British authorities!! Very strange however is that on the afternoon of the raid, SRE was not only heard on 6276





but also on 6283. The latter freq is a great mystery because the SRE staff was certainly not using this frequency!! SRE's Tony Randall points at Radio Free London persons which might have been responsible for changing the X-tal in the SRE tx. This E-mail was received: "Hi guys, just a quick note to let you know that SRE on 6275kcs which had been on since thursday pm was TAKEN OFF THE AIR AGAIN on Sunday at approx 16.45 BST. It is not known at this stage if the raid was official or performed by a private anti-free radio terrorist group who have attacked us before there was a change of frequency before the tx was switched off we have no explanation for this at the moment as the tx was crystal controlled. The raid was expected and provoked by us to establish how much interest there was in our operations hence the use of old programmes of a provocative nature. Tony Randall, SRE." May 21st the following E-mail reached us: "It is with great sadness that I have to announce the closure of SRE, this is due to the unrepresented attacks that we have received from RFL staff, the DTI with the co-operation of informers and so called supporters of RFL and free radio. They have succeeded in their selfish plan to kill us off but they have also upset all the listeners who have been so loyal to us during our struggle for survival. I would therefore like to thank

### DX-CAMPS \* DX CAMPS \* DX CAMPS \* DX CAMPS

\* Also this year, Radio Borderhunter will organize a new edition of the *BeNeLux Short-wave DX meeting*. Just like in 2001, the meeting will be organized in the Belgium/ Netherlands border area (Baarle-Nassau) situated between Breda (NL) and Turnhout (Belgium). The 2001 meeting was highly successfully convincing the Radio Borderhunter OP to do it all over again! Keywords: a barbeque, drinks, fun and laughter and discussing interesting free radio topics. The meeting will be taking place on **Saturday August 24th** starting at 15.00 hours local time. As many who will attend the meeting come from far, the organisation offers the possibility to stay the night in a huge tent (take a sleeping bag with you) or at a local hotel. The place where it all will be happening will be announced a few weeks/days before the meeting to those that want to come. For more info use the following E-mail address: [summermeeting@hotmail.com](mailto:summermeeting@hotmail.com).

Telephone: 00 31 (0)6-10531057. Mail drop: (10).

\* The 29th edition of the Merchweiler SWLCS DX Camp will take place from Fri August 9th- Sun August 11th. Slogan for this year is "Weltweit hören, weltweit sehen". Merchweiler is situated in the centre of the German Saarland (south-east of Germany). The Dorfstraase 13 is the place to be. There's something for everyone: CB Radio, Packet Radio, analogue/ digital TV and satellite reception, fax on SW, weather reports via radio and computer, Free Radio infos etc. Also lots of infos about international broadcasters. Sophisticated reception equipment is also available! A special SWLCS-CB radiostation "Radio Mike Null" will be active on 27305 kHz during the weekend. On Saturday August 10th, Waldemar Krömer who's employee of the Deutsche Welle will be speaking about/ discussing the "Digital Radio Mondiale" topic. For more infos contact the SWLCS- Kurzwellenhörerclub Saar, POBox 1230, D-66585 Merchweiler, Germany. Website: [www.swlcs.de](http://www.swlcs.de) >. Email: [p.hell@freenet.de](mailto:p.hell@freenet.de) > Tel/Fax: Int. accesscode +6825- 8380.

\* The Gronau DX-Camp is at the 7th/8th September 2002 starting at Saturday afternoon and ending in the late Sunday afternoon. The location is the same as last year, located directly at the Drilandsee in Gronau, the location of the Windsurfing Club Drilandsee. E-mail add is [Driland@gmx.net](mailto:Driland@gmx.net) >. Sleeping places and hotel rooms are only limited. Informations and also impressions from the camp in 2001 are now available at [www.Driland.net](http://www.Driland.net) >.

all of our loyal friends and supporters for their help in the past and wish them well and to those who are responsible for killing us off. I hope you are pleased with yourselves for you have put another nail in the coffin of free radio and every time you tune your radio in to an empty channel, it will remind you of what a terrible thing you have done. You all know who you are hang your heads in shame forever, so its big goodbye from Tony Randall, Dave Doubledex, Dave Martin, Bob the Sneak, Andy Walker and all the crew on the MY Mincing sailor goodbye. Sun June 23rd saw SRE on 6295 but our guess is it was an old tape played by ??? E-mail: [Swingingradioengland@hotmail.com](mailto:Swingingradioengland@hotmail.com) >.

German RADIO DR. TIM (5) is one of the increasing number of stations giving it a try on 41 metres. Easter Sun March 30th saw the station tuning on 7490 kHz, signal quality was fair. As Dr. Tim suffered QRM from Ozone Radio on 7500, frequency was altered to 7430 kHz. During the test the OP had to deal with RF feedback, a phenomenon which is often unvariable. After solving the problem, the station shifted freq to 7470 kHz. A special QSL was issued for correct verifiers. Add is (5). Easter Monday April 1st the station was noted on 6285 but also on 7430 and 7470 kHz. Dr. Tim will be mostly active on 48 metres. Wed May 1st Dr. Tim celebrated the annual

German "Feiertag" (Public Holiday) Tag der Arbeit (Labour Day) putting out special programming on 6271 kHz. Signal strength was good!

UK RADIO TOWER (formerly Tower Radio) remains active within the 41 mb. Easter Sat March 30th Veronique was heard on 7480 kHz. Surprisingly the station was on 6310 kHz early in the morning on n Easter Monday. Later that day the station returned to 41 metres 7490 kHz. Another 7490 broadcast was noted Sun April 14th. Thurs May 9th- Ascension Day- Veronique was heard on 7488 and Sat/Sun June 8th/9th 7490 was in use. E-Mail: [shortwave@netmail.nl](mailto:shortwave@netmail.nl) >. This one will be closing down in September. New E-mail: [radiotower@hotmail.com](mailto:radiotower@hotmail.com) >. Add is P.O.Box 49, 7475 ZH Markelo.

TRANSATLANTIC RADIO was surprisingly heard on 7450 kHz Sun April 28th. The same freq was used on Sun June 30th, a decent signal was noted. Last known E-mail is [transatlantic@planet.nl](mailto:transatlantic@planet.nl) >.

UK RADIO was heard on 3920 Sat April 13th. During May and June the station was heard a few times on 6305. For instance on Sun June 16th. UK Radio was heard on 6307. Sat June 22nd in the evening hours UK was back on 6266 with a fine signal. Add is P.O.Box 53, Bilstone, WV14 6YS Wolverhampton, West Midlands, the UK. This address is also used by Radio Uranium and Mi Amigo, both of UK origin.

Who was the UNID on Sun March 30th using 7526 kHz? Offshore tapes were noted in fair quality but no clear ID. Our guess: Weekend Music Radio from Scotland...

Sun June 23rd saw a welcome return of the Dutch station UNION RADIO (3). A very strong signal was heard on 6210 which has always been the station's favourite freq. Union was last heard in October! Hopefully this is the start of a new series of trms.

VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS (3) conducted a test on Wed May 1st. Looking at the very strong signal, it looks like a few hundred watts were being used that day. Sun June 23rd the station was heard on 7490. Signal varied between almost non audible to very strong: propagation was very unstable causing long skip. Email: [votn@hotmail.com](mailto:votn@hotmail.com) >. Website: [www.geocities.com/voice\\_of\\_the\\_netherlands/](http://www.geocities.com/voice_of_the_netherlands/) >.

RADIO WAVES INT. (4) from France was heard on 7484 kHz Sun March 30th, Mon April 1st and Sun April 14th. Signal strength was fine. Mod could have been a bit louder. Sat June 15th RWI was active on 7475 and 7484 kHz.

Scottish WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO was noted on 6300 Sat April 6th & 13th. Sun April 14th, May 5th, May 11th, May 12th, May 19th, June 15th/16th WMR was heard on 7525 kHz, a rather unusual frequency. Signal quality was fair. Add used to be 14 Stone Row, Londonderry, BT52 1EP, Coleraine, UK. Die E-Mail add should be [wmsw@37.com](mailto:wmsw@37.com) >.

Dave Martin's WEST & NORTH KENT RADIO was heard on 48 metres during various occasions. Easter Sun March 31st the station was heard on the lower part of the 48 mb: 6204kHz. A telephone number was mentioned being 0044-7951005294. April 6th saw WNKR on 6285. April 20th saw WNKR on 6285 and 6300. The latter freq was also used April 28th and May 4th. May 11th WNKR was on 6200, May 12th on 6277. Signal was very weak (poor propagation that day). May 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th WNKR was on 6285 with variable results. On May 19th WNKR was also noted on 7330 kHz/ 31 metres. The appalling conditions that day caused a rather weak signal on the European continent. May 22nd- a Wednesday- saw WNKR on 6285/9330. Also the next Sun (26th) both freqs were in use. In the first week of June WNKR was almost daily on air on 48 but also on 31 metres. WNKR was a very regular SW stations in the first half of the 90s and was also associated to WGAS. E-mail is [wnkr@37.com](mailto:wnkr@37.com) >.

RADIO 510 INTERNATIONAL announced its new frequency and schedule taking effect Sat June 22nd. Stations to be heard via the IRRS (under the Radio 510 umbrella) will be heard each Saturday 08.30 - 09.30 UTC (10.30-11.30 CEST) on 13840 kHz. Sundays will see a repeat from 08.30 - 09.30 UTC (10.30-11.30 CEST) on the same frequency. The IRRS signal- emanating from Northern Italy- can be heard all over Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East. Listeners in the USA and Canada might also be able to pick the signal up. For those who would like to listen to the IRRS live feed, please click <http://mp3.nexus.org> >. For more info check the website [www.radio510.org](http://www.radio510.org) > which is updated three times a week. There's also a "News Letter" which you can subscribe free of charge and is sent out every Friday via E-mail with all the details of upcoming programmes and more radio related stuff. Go to our "Mailing List" at our website for more information. Some of the stations that you'll be able to hear in the next coming months: Radio Casablanca Germany, Radio Joystick Germany, Radio IMR Switzerland, Radio Waves France, Radio 510 International Switzerland, Radio Sparks Switzerland, East & West Radio Germany, Radio Wonderful Germany. All shows are in English and German.

If you'd like to have your station played, they charge € 35 for a one hour show plus a free repeat. More details can be found at the website or you can contact them at [info@radio510.org](mailto:info@radio510.org) >.

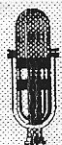
E-mail [stevie@radio510.org](mailto:stevie@radio510.org) > or snailmail Radio 510 International, P.O.Box 510, CH-4010 Basel, Switzerland. All reception reports will be answered with a personal letter, sticker, infosheet and a colourful QSL card.

RADIO 757 is a new Dutch SW station from the north east region of the country. Sat May 11th the station made its debut on 6280. Sun May 26th saw the station on 6300 kHz. Unlike many other colleague stations this one is a low power operation making use of 15W. E-mail is [Radio757@hotmail.com](mailto:Radio757@hotmail.com) >.

Listen to European Short Wave Free Radio stations via the Internet relay facilities of Nova Europa at [www.swradiorelay.com](http://www.swradiorelay.com) >.

The first edition of the **SHORTWAVE WITH A DIFFERENCE CD** was released a while ago. Amongst other topics, there are 89 Pirate/Free Radio audio files recorded from shortwave (including ALI, Borderhunter, KIPM, Mystery Science Radio and others), station profiles and QSLs. We are also seeking pirate/free radio stations who wish to have a profile of their station appear in the next edition. Full details at [www.shortwave-with-a-difference.com](http://www.shortwave-with-a-difference.com) >.

CAROLINE NEWS



### Satellite & Cable

The Astra 1G satellite is the current host for Radio Caroline. Its transmissions can be received across the whole of Europe at 19.2. Caroline broadcasts 24 hours 7 days a week via this satellite from their studios in Maidstone, Kent. Some technical info: The Astra 1G Satellite Frequency 11.876 Polarity 'H' Symbol Rate 27500 FEC 3/4.

### New programme on Radio Caroline

Mon April 29th Radio Caroline started a new show called "The sound of free spirit". The Blues/ R&B px is hosted by Graham L. Halland can be heard each Mon evening between 20.00- 22.00 CEST.

### Graham Gill & Tony Allen

Graham Gill and Tony Allen joined forces co-presenting a show on Caroline's satellite output May 19th. Well done boys. A pity Andy Archer didn't show up, as it was promised at an earlier stage that he too would join. Funny to hear the acapella version of "Way back home". Graham Gill (who was also on RNI) is every Monday on the Caroline Cable network (in the Netherlands) and perhaps it's time Peter Moore decides that some of the programmes of the Dutch Caroline, like the Graham Gill shows, will be relayed on satellite. Certainly many listeners would love to tune in! Mon March 18th saw the first regular Graham Gill show between 19.00- 20.00 hours CEST. Dave Fox has taken over Dave Asher's Breakfast Show. Dave Asher will continue with irregular shows. His current job - he's station manager for a commercial station in the UK - takes too much time.

### Caroline on SW

Radio Caroline has been noted with regular trms on 6290//6264 kHz. Signals on the European continent aren't particularly strong, it looks like the satellite output is being relayed by a British landbased pirate.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

### International Radio Relay Service

Reports : < [reports@nexus.org](mailto:reports@nexus.org) >. The IRRS Milano programming can be heard daily on the new 13840 kHz from 06.30- 01.00 CEST. Most pxs are in English, German & Italian. The station makes use of a 10 kW tx using A3A (= USB -6 dB reduced carrier AM compatible in the target area), this type of modulation is compatible with ordinary AM receivers and provides the same communication power of a 30 kW conventional AM transmitter. The aerials are non directional. During the weekend- Sat and Sun-the Radio 510 Int. output is aired via IRRS' current 13 mb outlet. Radio 510 is representing a number of independent European and non-European Free radio stations leasing airtime. The 10 kW tx in connection with the A3A type of modulation, guarantees a solid signal in all corners of Europe.

Latest news: following tests Saturday 13th April 2002 07.15 UTC - 09.30 and 11.45 UTC - 13.00 13840 kHz, the IRRS has decided to cease trms on 3985 and 7120 in favour of the new 22 mb freq 13840kHz. Radio 510 International will now be reduced to a two hour show every week on Saturday and Sunday (repeats only!) 13840kHz is coming in very strong at QTHs in Central and Western Europe. You can check the new frequency...

- Saturday and Sunday from 08.00-12.00 UTC. Live audio streaming can also be heard at <http://mp3.nexus.org>. More information can be found at < [www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules](http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules) >.

- Radio 510 International programmes: see the SW Free Radio News section.

### Scandinavian Weekend Radio

Scandinavian Weekend Radio is Scandinavia's first private shortwave station run by approx. 10 enthusiastic Finnish radio-minded persons. Studios and transmitters are located in Virrat, western Finland. (N 62°23' E 23°37'). SWR transmits every first Saturday of the month (24 hours) and the next broadcast is scheduled for April 6th starting at 00.00 local (Finnish) time. For Western European listeners the broadcast starts Friday evening 21.00 UTC (= 23.00 CEST >> by then summertime has come into force!). SWR can be heard on various freqs within the 48 & 25 mb depending on what time of the day it is. The two freqs are in parallel, in the recent past only 25 metres was in use. 48 mb channels are 6170, 5980 and 5990 while 11690 & 11720 are used within the 25 mb. For an accurate and up-to-date time table related to the freqs we refer at their website. Talking about this: the website contains a lot of interesting information. New is a photobook including a nice picture of nearly the complete staff! For the technical minded there are details about transmitter and antennas including photos. In the near (?) future the station is aiming at testing different types of antennas. At the moment a half wave cage dipole antenna is used for 48 metres, the 25 mb tx is connected to a half wave dipole (beam directed at 240 degrees) some 20 metres above the ground. Future plans include the use of a 3-element yagi antenna and a Delta Loop (for USA reception). Output of the 25 mb tx is 50W while the 48 mb tx's output is 100W. BTW: SWR may use a max. ERP of 1 kW. For listeners interested to obtain QSL cards: new ones are available, they look very nice and can be looked at on the website. The station also sells a T-shirt. No doubt SWR is doing very well. Although it's no pirate, a well-known former Finnish pirate OP is involved: Tex Willer. GSM and SMS-messages: +358 400 995 559. Fax: +358 3 475 5776. E-Mail: < [info@swradio.net](mailto:info@swradio.net) >. Rec. reports: < [raportit@swradio.net](mailto:raportit@swradio.net) >. Website: < [www.swradio.net/](http://www.swradio.net/) >.

### InfoRadio

InfoRadio was a rare catch on 6180 Sun Dec. 23rd 2001. We assumed it was a relay from a legal regional station via a Dutch pirate. But, when checking the station's webpage at < [www.inforadio.nl](http://www.inforadio.nl) > we were completely taken by surprise reading it concerns a legal Dutch station. A legal Dutch station on SW? Impossible.... But the info on the website reads like this: "InfoRadio is the second legal SW radio station in the Netherlands (the other one is of course Radio Netherlands World Service- PV). The station provides local and regional info aimed at Dutch residents staying abroad (business, vacation). The main target is Central Europe. To reach its goal the station is making use of relay stations in Germany and Florida, USA. In future the station hopes

to operate a low powered SW transmitter." Pxs are in Dutch with the occasional English ID. Pxs are aired in the holiday season. The fact the station leases airtime via foreign stations makes things a bit more understandable. But operating their own tx from Dutch soil?? We didn't know that was a possibility under the Dutch law.... The 6180 signal was very strong justifying the conclusion the trm came via the German Julich transmitting site. By checking the site, it appeared we are right (photos of the Julich transmitting site are shown on the website).

### History

In 1997 en 1998 the local radio station Radio Horizon was to be heard via the txs of the IRRS in Italy. In addition pxs were relayed via WRMI in the USA. These pxs were aired in the Summer period aimed at the holiday making local residents (!). Pxs lasted 30 minutes and contained mainly local/ regional news. The Dutch "Commissariaat voor de Media" (a Dutch national supervisory board supervising Dutch radio & TV stations) put an end to the trms because the pxs were audible outside the local borders (we believe it concerns a village in the Dutch province of Brabant near Eindhoven). The idea however was good and was taken over by InfoRadio. At first it was attempted to go on air with their own SW tx but that was too expensive as the tx would fall under control of the Dutch HDTF in Groningen. Three Dutch radio enthusiasts are responsible for running the station: Peter Fris, Fokko van der Meijden en Mark Tasman.

### Future Activities

InfoRadio will be active in the period March 31st- October 27th on Saturdays & Sundays 10.00- 12.00 CEST on 7 MHz (most likely 7285). frequency : 7 MHz. For a QSL send 2 IRCs/ 1 US dollar to: InfoRadio, PoBox 140, NL-5590 AC Heeze, The Netherlands. Email address is < [receptionreport@inforadio.nl](mailto:receptionreport@inforadio.nl) >.

### The Underground Frequency Guide

This directory of Unusual, Illegal and Covert Radio Communications written by by Donald W. Schimmel is a fascinating listing of unusual, illegal and covert radio communications. Learn where to tune to hear mysterious transmissions. With hundreds of frequencies and informative commentary. Third Edition. ©1994 HighText 209 pages. Only \$14.95. Available from Universal Radio and other select radio and book dealers. Website: < [www.universal-radio.com](http://www.universal-radio.com) >. E-mail to < [dx@universal-radio.com](mailto:dx@universal-radio.com) >.

### HJCB DX Programme

If you are interested in DX Shows, then try this one: HJCB Quito/ Ecuador "The Voice of the Andes" can be heard with DX Infos every 4th Saturday of odd months. Times: 06.00 UTC 9765 kHz + 21.455 kHz SSB 21.00 UTC 11.755 + 15.550 + 21.470 + 21.455 (SSB)kHz The show is moderated by German Peter Hell.

### 20th Anniversary DX Antwerp

DX Antwerp celebrated its 20th anniversary on Sat May 25th 08.00- 09.00 UTC with a special commemorative broadcast on two parallel freqs: 9945 (100 kW) and 17785 kHz (250 kW). Trms were aired via Krasnodar Tbilisskaya in Russia. Special QSL cards were printed for those sending in correct reception reports. Address is POBox 16 in B-2660 Hoboken, Belgium. Website: < [www.dxa.be](http://www.dxa.be) >. DXA was founded in 1982 in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium. The club is of course concentrating on DXing but also on other aspects of the radio hobby.

### Radio Station sacks all on air staff

All presenters working for London AM station Ritz 1035AM have today been sacked by Ritz Group Chairman Tom Winter. The station is now running on automation. It follows the circulation of a press release, on station letterheads, claiming presenters were owed thousands of pounds for work carried out over recent months. Presenters who have lost their jobs or quit as a result include Dave Cash, breakfast show presenter and Randall Lee Rose.

### Soundwave FM

This station from New Zealand is investigating the possibility of having a 2 - 3 hour slot of time each week allocated to "FREE" Radio stations for the purpose of relay programming etc. For more info please contact Graham J Barclay, Soundwave FM, POBox 3103 in Onekawa, Napier, New Zealand. Website: < [www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/9885/sw1.html](http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/9885/sw1.html) >.

### The End of Webradio ?

Finally a decision was made concerning payments Internet radio stations in the US have to make. They will have to pay 7 dollarcent per song, per listener, to musicians and record companies whenever a song is played on their website. According to the webradio's this means the deathblow for them. Record companies at their turn have the opinion that 7 dollarcent isn't enough compensation.

### Memorial Programme

Sunday June 30, a two hour memorial programme of Swedish offshore station Radio Nord was broadcasted on 9980 kHz (100 kW) at 19.00-21.00 UTC from the station in Siikunai, Lithuania. This day marked the 40th anniversary of the close-down of Radio Nord. The programme contained interviews with former staff members, listeners, a potted history of the station, vintage recordings, music from this era (1961-62) and more. Reception reports are highly appreciated (please include an IRC or a \$ for a QSL) and the address is: Radio Nord Special Programme, Light Valley Media, Box 90, SE-82723 Ljusdal in Sweden.

### Radio Mi Amigo RSL

The Radio Authority has announced they have issued a licence for a RSL on 1503 kHz AM under the name Radio Mi Amigo. The RSL is aimed at collecting money which will be used for repairs for the Light Vessel 18 (moored in Harwich harbour) which was the home for a few RNI RSLs in recent years. The RSL will take place between July 18th and August 14th.

### Rockit FM RSL

August will see another RSL. In In Gravesend, Essex Rockit FM will be radiating the spirit of typical English rockbands from 70s and 80s. Caroline presenters David Foster and Rob Ashard are involved in the project.





### Euroradio 2002: The MV Mi Amigo

France Radio Club and Offshore Echo's annual event takes a look at the famous radio ship *Mi Amigo*, the radio stations and people that were involved with her. Euroradio 2002 takes place in Calais, France on Saturday 6th July 2002, at the Terminal meeting room (top floor of car ferry building).

Starting at 2.00pm local time, Euroradio 2002 features a selection of offshore radio videos playing during the afternoon. We'll also be talking to our special guests. The Offshore Echo's Boutique will be open during the event and feature a wide range of offshore radio related merchandise.

In the evening there is a special Euroradio dinner, including wine, in the private dining room of the Terminal restaurant.

Guests include Steve England, Howard Rose and Fred Bolland. More guests to be announced. **Steve England**

Steve (photo) has produced radio jingles and station image packages, for a number of years, and is the UK agent for Jam Creative Productions, and classics PAMS jingles. His radio career, and experience with jingles, date back to Radio Atlantis and Caroline in the 1970's. Steve England is now the operations manager for new company S2Blue, as well as producing jingles under his own name.

**Howard Rose**

Howard's (photo) radio involvement goes back to the days when he was known as Crispian St John on Radio Northsea and Radio Caroline in the 70's. He revived the name again with Gold oldies station Radio Sovereign in the 80's, and was Jay Jackson on 80's Caroline. Howard Rose now runs the industry weekly *The Radio Magazine*.

**Fred Bolland**

Fred (photo) was involved with the ill-fated Radio Delmare in the late Seventies and later organised Radio Caroline Dutch programming from the *Mi Amigo*. He continued to be involved with offshore radio during the 1980's

### Programme

14:00 Welcome and opening

14:10 Stories about the Love Ship with John Platt - ships history, diving to the *Mi Amigo's* wreck and more

14:30 Before the *MV Mi Amigo* : Radio Nord on video.

15:30 Break - Offshore Echo's Boutique.

16:00 *Mv Mi Amigo The Sixties* (video + guests)

16:50 *Mv Mi Amigo The Seventies* (video + guests)

17:10 Break - Offshore Echo's Boutique.

17:30 Special *Mi Amigo* Guests

19:30 LA Aperitif and *Mi Amigo* dinner

Euroradio 2002 costs ££ 26 including dinner, or just ££6 for the afternoon, without dinner. For bookings, and further information visit the Offshore Echo's website, mail to Offshore Echo's or write to Offshore Echo's, PO Box 1514, London W7 2LL, England.

### Book Radio 270 Life on the Ocean waves

Many books have been written about Offshore Radio but almost without exception Radio 270 always comes off badly. Strange... Why?? Radio 270 was moored off Bridlington and covered large parts of the UK and was also audible in the western part of the Netherlands. Good quality pxs and deejays, great music.... Bob Preedy kept us waiting a long time but in the end he ventured to write the Radio 270 book. A great book including everything about Radio 270. For more info write to Stichting Media Communicatie Postbus 5312, 1007 RC Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

### Swinging Radio England

There's also talk of an RSL in August from a place somewhere of the British coast, organized by Paul Graham and Ray Anderson. They will use a ship called *MV Granpain Princess*. Where the RSL will be held will be announced at a later stage. The station will be operating under the name *Swinging Radio England*. Former SRE man Jack Curtis is coming over to Holland this summer to meet up some of his former radio friends.

Talking about Offshore RSLs: The *Granpain Princess* is a vessel which will be converted into a floating radioship for future Offshore RSLs. It looks like Ray Anderson is involved.

### Radio Marabu via Satellite

Radio Marabu, Europe's radio station for alternative music known for its regular SW trms on 6210 and via the IRRS outlet, have extended their broadcast activities. Since early April Marabu is making use of the Astra satellite being part of the Caroline output. Every week in the night from Tuesday to Wednesday, Marabu shows are relayed via the Astra between 01.00- 07.00 CEST. Daily live 12.00- 14.00 CEST Internet shows are to be heard via < [www.vuidzee.tmfweb.nl](http://www.vuidzee.tmfweb.nl) >. Radio Marabu, Postfach 1166 - D 49187 Belm in Germany. Tel.: 05406/899484 -- Fax: 05406/899485. E-mail: < [marabu@radiomarabu.de](mailto:marabu@radiomarabu.de) >, website < [www.radiomarabu.de](http://www.radiomarabu.de) >.

## MADE IN HOLLAND

### Coffee Break: most popular radio show on Dutch radio

Figures from Intomart- a research agency- show that Sky Radio's radioshow *Coffee Break* was the most listened to programme in the Netherlands in the period March/ April 2002. *Coffee Break* is aired on weekdays 09.00- 12.00 hours having an average share of 4.2%. This implies that on average

580,000 listeners from 10 years and older are tuning their way to *Coffee Break* to the full 3 hours. Other shows in the Top 10 are *Cappuccino* (Radio 2), *Gouden Uren* (Radio 2), *Vroege Vogels* (Radio 1) en *Arbeidsvitaminen* (Radio 3 FM). salient detail: 4 out of 5 shows in the Top 5 are from Sky Radio. The other shows on the positions 2, 6, 7, 8 & 10 are from state-owned (national) radio stations, number 1 is from a commercial broadcaster. Also interesting: Sky Radio is a non-stop station with no presenters! Looking at the list of most popular stations, Sky Radio is the number 1 followed by Radio 2 (MOR) and Radio 538 (commercial). As from June onwards, the listening figures of Radio 192 will be included in the listings of most listened to stations.

### Radio 538

Radio 538 was voted as the best radio station in Holland. The media program "Storing" followed the Dutch radio scene during the past month and listeners could do a weekly vote on internet or by E-mail. Second became the complete set of regional radio stations and on the third place with the same points Sky Radio and Kink FM, which is a cable only station. Radio 538 got 8.5 points from the 10 they could earn. The jury mentioned that the fast format, in cooperation with the diversity in personalities with each their own sound led to the winning of the prestigious radio price.

### Radio Dolfijn

Jack Curtis, once the big man behind *Swinging Radio England*, *Britain Radio* en *Radio Dolfijn*, is coming over to The Netherlands this summer. He has already contacted former Radio Dolfijn deejay Look Boden but is eagerly looking for meeting other Dutch friends from years gone by who worked on the Dutch Radio Dolfijn. To mention a few names: Peter van der Hoven, Rob Klaasman, Thijs Lieferring, Jos van Vliet, Jacques Soudan en Pieter van Dijk. **Radio 192 now on cable in North Holland**

Since May 7th, Radio 192 is covering the entire province of North Holland on cable with no less than 300,000 connections. Freq is 88.5 FM. This month (June) Radio 192 will also be on the Utrecht cable network. As from January 3rd 2003 an extra 1.3 million households will be able to tune in to the station when the provinces of Limburg and Brabant will put 192 on cable. Radio 192 is the fastest growing radio station in the Netherlands putting out a Golden Oldies format.

Sat April 6th a new show started on Radio 192. The show is aired every Sat evening 22.00- 00.00 hours. It is presented by Martien van Engel and will bring back the music and jingles from the 1970s. The program is called 'Club Mi Amigo' and in his shows he also plays old air checks of the former offshore station Radio Mi Amigo.

Rumours are going around that there are plans for cooperation between Radio 192 and an Belgian organisation. One offer comes from Antwerp, 192 has been offered to make use of an FM outlet for some hours a day with a potential of 1.4 million listeners. Radio 192 is considering the offer. The second offer comes from a group who want to restart the one time famous Radio MAEVA. Details of this offer are not known yet. Since the 1st of April Radio 192 lost a lot of listeners in the Amsterdam area due to the fact that UPC, the cable network owner, decided to give the channel to another organisation. Lots of people are unhappy and even the station has been suggested to start a huge campaign in the local newspapers whereby the readers can sign a petition to get the station back on cable. At the end the directors of Radio 192 thought this wasn't a good idea.

April 12th Ferry Maat presented the final hours of the Motown week on Radio 192. Ferry Maat is one of Holland's topdeejays, at present time he's not doing regular shows on Dutch radio (unfortunately...).

In the mean time another former RNI deejay joined 192: Marc van Amstel is to be heard on the station each Sat afternoon 10.00-12.00 CEST.

### Tineke interview

Sunday April 28th Dutch RTL4 TV brought an one hour long interview with Tineke de Nooy. She became 61 and in the programme they went through her long career. Including of course the memories of Radio Veronica, where she worked in offshore days from the early start in 1960 up till 1974. Some of the memories she recalled: "I was the only female deejay when Veronica really became a pop station. On forehand we had more women but they were announcers. I had to be strong between all those men and the only thing to win was to have a big mouth." Also she brought back the memory of being pregnant. Bull Verwey told her she wouldn't be sacked although it was common in those days in Holland for pregnant women.

### Ron Bisschop switches from Kink FM to Radio 192

Starting Saturday June 1st Ron Bisschop presents a weekly show on Radio 192. Bisschop started his career on offshore station Radio Mi Amigo (under the name Johan Visser). Via stations such as Radio Monique, Radio 10, Veronica and TalkRadio he ended up on Kink FM and Business News Radio (commercial news radio station in the Netherlands). Radio 192 is his latest challenge. In his Sat afternoon slot between 17.00-19.00 Ron will play a great selection of oldies from 60s and 70s and the better rock music. Radio



192 can be heard on AM 1332, several terrestrial FM freqs and via Internet and cable. Website: < [www.radio192.nl](http://www.radio192.nl) >.

## No Muziek uit Zee this year

The popular Muziek uit Zee event won't be organized in 2002 according to Walter Zwart. In the past few years it was organized by Radio Monique (IJmuiden local station) and Radio 192. For a full weekend former offshore deejays presented live programming from the MV Willem Beukelszoon off the IJmuiden coast. Pxs were aired via Radio 192, Radio Monique, a number of affiliated FM stations and via the Internet. Co-organiser Walter Zwart (also known as Walter Simons on former offshore station Radio Monique) says that the cancellation is because he couldn't make time for it. IJmuiden-based Radio Monique has a similar problem. At the moment the radio studios are moved to a new location. Earlier this year Monique changed its name into Seaport FM. The Willem Beukelszoon is not available anymore: she is sold to a new Irish owner. A possible replacement is a Belgian mine sweeper not yet available. Plans are to alter the idea of the project in 2003.

## Norderney

The former Veronica transmitting vessel Norderney still exist and nowadays the ship is a restaurant discotheque in the harbor of Antwerp Belgium. During the 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> of May weekend there were radio programmes from the ship which was transmitted by Radio 192 and the internet station Radio Maeva. Maevawas a land based station in the past and could be seen as a illegal version of Radio Mi Amigo in Flandres as some of the people who did run Mi Amigo in the seventies went on in the eighties with Maeva. During the program memories to the history of Maeva and Radio Veronica were brought as well as some of the former Veronica deejays presenting an own show.

## News in Brief

**Top 800 Keizerstad.** April 1st saw the final transmission day for the Top 800 of the Eighties as played over a four day period on former pirate station Keizerstad FM (Nijmegen area). For many listeners a really good music period. And of course some of the memories to the music Laser 558 brought us \*\*\* Test 1584 kHz. March 31st saw low powered tests on AM 1584. The signal was radiated by the AM tx owned by Ruud Poeze, one of the key-figures behind the ill-fated Dutch Caroline project. A few years ago it was Ruud Poeze together with Bob Noakes determined to start Caroline in Holland as a legal station. The reason of this test are is unknown \*\*\* During the evening of April 2nd test transmissions for the new Radio Veronica were heard on Astra 19 East, 12.574 GHz horizontal with music form seventies, eighties and nineties. The new station is targeted at a young audience \*\*\* April 9th: Today the official opening of the new studio complex of Colorful Radio at the Jan Rebelstreet in Amsterdam. Minister Rogier van Boxtel came from the Hague to Amsterdam to do the official opening. The station claims to have 6 million cable connections in the Netherlands, but they mean potential listeners of course. Colorful Radio is now in hands of the NRG Group. The first owner, by the way, was officially called bankrupt a few days ago \*\*\* The Dutch Government has announced that in the future 1.9 million Euro extra will be given to the local radio stations in Holland. With this the total amount will be 7 million annually \*\*\* April 10th it was announced that singer and programme maker Connie Vandenbos died a few days earlier at the age of 65. She had many hit songs in the Netherlands and all anoraks will remember her from the massive number one in the seventies 'Roosje mijn roosje'. In the seventies she presented programmes on TROS Radio. She also worked for the ill fated Holland FM, Radio Nationaal and Noordzee FM. During the past year she worked for the regional station Radio West \*\*\* April 6th Mireille Moerman died at the age of 60 in Geluwe, Belgium. Together with her husband Fernand she was the organiser for the Radio Mi Amigo Fan club in the Seventies. Not only they published the Fan Club Magazine but were also responsible for the organisation of several Fan Club Bais and other happenings concerning the radio station, which was on the air from January 1974 up till October 1978 from the MV Mi Amigo. It was one of the seventies sister stations of Radio Caroline. May God bless her \*\*\* Michael Pilarczyk joins Yorin FM. Former Veronica and Radio 538 presenter Michael Pilarczyk made a comeback on Dutch radio June 15th. He stopped his radio activities in 1989 following a 10 year period of daily pxs (on weekdays). Yorin FM is one of Holland's commercial popradio stations \*\*\* April 7th: Today it became known that at the age of 79 years Dick De Bois died. Dick was the man who came with the idea to start the Veronica Drive Inn Show in the seventies and made it very famous through the last century. Also he was in the sixties and seventies the organiser of the famous Oranje Balls, which always took place on the day of Queen Juliana's birthday, April 30<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* April 7th: today it became known that at the age of 79 years Dick De Bois died. Dick was the man who came with the idea to start the Veronica Drive Inn Show in the seventies and made it very famous. In the sixties and seventies he was the

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## INTERNET RADIO by Hans Knot

In this column we feature a great variety of Internet websites related to radio plus interesting Internet radio news. Contributions are more than welcome....

- One of the new internet sites is < [www.marine-broadcasters.com](http://www.marine-broadcasters.com) > from my very good friend Paul de Haan and his son Mark. You have to go and watch it as it brings a total other inside look at the offshore stations. One of the visitors, Big John, wrote an email this month in which he told that he has dived to the rests of the MV Mi Amigo in the Knock Deep last year. It seems the ship, which is for 50% under the sand, is in reasonable condition after be there for more than 20 years. The two last sections of the aerial mast are still there on the 'deck' of the Mi Amigo.
- And now we talking about Memories and Veronica, go and have a look on < [www.mediapages.nl](http://www.mediapages.nl) >. This wonderful site brings back a lot of memories to radio, including several scans of archive material from Veronica studio engineer Juul Geleick and also since a couple of weeks a weekly update of scans from material from my big Veronica archive. I started listening to the station way back in 1960 and had contact with the organisation from the mid sixties and still have regular phone calls with the former owner Bull Verwey. You will find their exclusive material never shown before on internet.
- Oldies station Radio Fun from Hamburg: < [www.funfun95.de](http://www.funfun95.de) >.
- New London based soul station, Soul FM: < [www.soulforlondon.com](http://www.soulforlondon.com) >.
- Models of radio ships...Jeff Martin is now showing his products on line via < [www.geocities.com/JeffGold220/model.htm](http://www.geocities.com/JeffGold220/model.htm) >.
- Former Veronica offshore presenter Chiel Montagne (nowadays via Dutch commercial Radio Nationaal on 1296 AM) now has his very own site: < [www.chielmontagne.nl/index2.htm](http://www.chielmontagne.nl/index2.htm) >. There's even more to be found about him via < [home.zonnet.nl/comebackchiel/chielonline.html](http://home.zonnet.nl/comebackchiel/chielonline.html) >.
- Interesting: Radio Delmare info provided by Theo van Halsema: < [www.geocities.com/theovanhalsema](http://www.geocities.com/theovanhalsema) >.
- An interesting site for DXers: < [radio-dx.startkabel.nl/k/radio-dx/index.php?nr=1](http://radio-dx.startkabel.nl/k/radio-dx/index.php?nr=1) >.
- A story about a planned offshore radiostation during WW II: < <http://radiodx.com/spdxr/wvlc.htm> >.
- Ehard Goddijn works for Radio Netherlands World Service and his memories (offshore Radio and other radio-related stuff) can be read via < [www.mw.nl/realradio/scrapbook/html/goddijn1.html](http://www.mw.nl/realradio/scrapbook/html/goddijn1.html) >.
- A Belgian station claiming to be "never boring". Check it yourself at this website: < [www.goldenflash.be](http://www.goldenflash.be) >.
- Via < [www.radio-online.com](http://www.radio-online.com) > you can hear many different stations.
- All Top 40 lists can be found at < <http://dretops.servicez.org/> >.
- A brilliant series of photos taken in the direct vicinity of Roughs Tower, also known as Sealand: < <http://simson.net/photos/2000/sealand/> >.
- Gerard Nijssen's site with his personal offshore radio memories is to be found at < [home.quicknet.nl/qn/prive/nijssen/zeezenders.htm](http://home.quicknet.nl/qn/prive/nijssen/zeezenders.htm) >.
- Former Radio Caroline employee Mick Williams works under his own name Ray Clarke for BBC Radio Essex. < [www.bbc.co.uk/england/essex/presenter\\_profiles/profiles.clark.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/england/essex/presenter_profiles/profiles.clark.shtml) >.
- An article 'Silencing Free Radio' is to be read on: < [www.scotishmediamonitor.com/features2.cfm?ID=2](http://www.scotishmediamonitor.com/features2.cfm?ID=2) >.
- A site covering the history of Radio Kootwijk: < [radiokootwijk.free.fr](http://radiokootwijk.free.fr) >.
- A Radio Mi Amigo on the Canary Islands: a new site is put together including a webcam. Plan is to air a couple of hours of radio via the site. Surf to < [www.radio-miamigo.com](http://www.radio-miamigo.com) >.
- A very nice site covering stations which were airing pxs from Italian soil to Austria and Germany: < [www.christianberger.de/](http://www.christianberger.de/) >.
- A former Caroline (80s) and VoP jock: Coconut. He has an updated site with a new address: < [www.kersklake.plus.com](http://www.kersklake.plus.com) >.
- A German site regarding commercials and jingleproductions: < [www.medienindex.de/InfoNews/Jingles\\_und\\_Airchecks.htm](http://www.medienindex.de/InfoNews/Jingles_und_Airchecks.htm) >.
- A German company which can supply stations with the perfect radio format and accompanying jingles: < [www.perfect-radio.com](http://www.perfect-radio.com) >.
- Great site about Radio Normandy: < [www.offshorechos.com/radionormandie/RadioNormandy01.htm](http://www.offshorechos.com/radionormandie/RadioNormandy01.htm) >.
- An interesting site where you can order books about nostalgic radio: < [www.radiobookshop.de](http://www.radiobookshop.de) >.
- Much info regarding FM radio in Europe: < [home.wtal.de/kraemer/fm.html](http://home.wtal.de/kraemer/fm.html) >.

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